

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3356
ANSWERED ON- 31/03/2022

ENCOURAGING SPORTS AMONG YOUNG MINDS

3356. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to encourage sporting habits among the young minds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): 'Sports' being a state subject, the responsibility for promotion of sports including encouragement of sporting habits among young minds rests primarily with the respective State Government/Union Territory. However, the Union Government supplements their efforts in this regard through its following schemes:

- (i) Khelo India;
- (ii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;
- (iii) Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches;
- (iv) National Sports Awards;
- (v) Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons;
- (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons;
- (vii) National Sports Development Fund; and
- (viii) sports training centres through Sports Authority of India(SAI).

Details of these schemes are in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and that of the Sports Authority of India.
